

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Hermann WINNER et al.  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT**

SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application before examination, as set forth below.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this response. It is respectfully requested that the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be entered to replace the Specification of record.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel original claims 1-4 and please cancel substitute claims 1-4, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

5. (New) A device for controlling distance for a motor vehicle, comprising:

a distance control device for determining a setpoint time gap with respect to a vehicle driving ahead as a function of a traveling speed and of a driver-specified minimum time gap; and

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